REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI (Maharashtra): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes:

(i) Twelfth Report of the Committee including minutes of the sittings of the Committee relating thereto on the Department of Revenue (Ministry of Finance) on Reservation for and Employment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC);

(ii) Thirteenth Report of the Committee including minutes of the sitting of the Committee relating thereto on the Banking Division (Ministry of Finance) on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the First Report of the Committee (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) regarding Reservation for and Employment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Dena Bank and credit facilities provided by the Bank to them; and

(iii) Fourteenth Report of the Committee including minutes of the sitting of the Committee relating thereto on the Ministries of Home Affairs, Social Justice and Empowerment and Tribal Affairs on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Fourth Report of the Committee (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) regarding Atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and pattern of social crimes towards them.

STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI (Maharashtra): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Statements showing final action taken by the Government on the Recommendations/Observations contained in Chapter I of the Nineteenth Report of the Committee (Thirteenth Lok Sabha) on Working of Integrated Tribal Development Projects in Madhya Pradesh.

श्री सभापति : सदन की कार्यवाही दो बजे तक के लिए स्थगित की जाती है।

The House then adjourned at thirty-three minutes past twelve of the clock

The House met at two of the clock, MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

श्री एस0 एस0 अहलुवालिया (झारखंड) : महोदय, सदन की कार्यवाही प्रश्नकाल में ही स्थगित कर दी गई थी, क्योंकि यहां पर वैगॉन स्प्रे की स्मेल आ रही थी, जिससे लोगों को सांस लेने और आंखों में तकलीफ होने लगी जिसके कारण सदन की कार्यवाही दो बार स्थगित की गई -एक बार साढ़े बारह बजे तक और फिर दो बजे तक। महोदय, अभी तक भी उसका आभास हो रहा है और खास करके अब लॉबी में बढ़ गया है, पहले लॉबी में नहीं था। सर, मेरा यह कहना है कि यह एक बहुत बड़ा, यह तो चलिए कैसे हुआ, नहीं मालूम, किन्तु यह सिक्योरिटी के लिए एक बहुत बड़ा खतरा है। हम लोग यहां बैठे हैं...**(व्यवधान)**...

श्री उपसभापति : यह इंवेस्टीगेट हो रहा है।

श्री एस0 एस0 अहलुवालिया : हम लोग यहां बैठे रहते हैं और अगर इस चीज पर ध्यान नहीं दिया गया और एयरकंडीशनर के माध्यम से अगर पॉइजनेस गैस आ गई तो आहिस्ता-आहिस्ता आदमी, अब यह हमारे कपिल सिब्बल साहब साइंस एंड टेक्नॉलोजी के मंत्री हंस रहे हैं, आप उस वक्त नहीं थे, आभास लगाइए क्या है, और खास करके जो अस्थमटिक हैं जिनको रेसपिरेटरी एलर्जी है उनको इससे तकलीफ है।

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री तथा पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री (श्री कपिल सिब्बल) : जब टेरोरिस्ट पार्लियामेंट में आ गए थे तब यह तो सरकार...**(व्यवधान)**...

श्री एस0 एस0 अहलुवालिया : सर, यह तो कम्पेयर कर रहे हैं उल्टा...**(व्यवधान)**...

श्री कपिल सिब्बल : इसलिए हंस रहा हूं...**(व्यवधान)**...

श्री एस0 एस0 अहलुवालिया : सर, He is comparing this thing. टेरोरिस्ट की बात नहीं कर रहा हूं, मैं तो आपकी बात कर रहा हूं कि आप ही मार देंगे अपोजिशन को यहां पर। अपोजिशन को आप ही मरवा देंगे यहां पर।...**(व्यवधान)**... * ...**(व्यवधान)**... अगर ये मजाक कर रहे हैं...**(व्यवधान)**...

श्री उपसभापति : विषय कहीं से कहीं चला जाएगा, क्योंकि ये चीजें इंवेस्टीगेट हो रही हैं। आप इसको ज्यादा...**(व्यवधान)**...

श्री एस0 एस0 अहलुवालिया : मैं ज्यादा नहीं कर रहा हूं। किन्तु मंत्री महोदय जिस तरह दूसरी तरफ बात को ले जा रहे हैं, इनको सोचना चाहिए कि अपने स्वास्थ्य की भी चिंता करिए और सांसदों के स्वास्थ्य की भी।

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* Expunged as ordered by the Chair.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We will now take up the Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Bill, 2005.

WILD LIFE (PROTECTION) AMENDMENT BILL, 2005 - *Contd.*

SHRI S. P. M. SYED KHAN (Tamil Nadu): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, as a firm believer in brevity, I am inclined to make a brief presentation on this Bill. While doing so, I am fully conscious that my presentation should not be a hindrance to the precious time of this august House on the one side and at the same time, it should not repeat and reiterate the points divulged and dilated by the earlier speakers who spoke on the Bill. However, I deem it as a matter of duty to place my views, observations and suggestions before this forum for consideration and appropriate action before passing the Bill. Coming to the issue, Sir, we are all aware that the project tiger to conserve and save tigers in forests was in existence for more than 30 years. But the problem of tiger conservation still persists even today warranting improvement and modification in our outlook and system particularly in terms of statutory, as well as, administrative back up. It is again a matter of fact that in the conservation of tigers and wild life, rights and activities of tribal people and local people living in and around tiger reserves are also concerned and needs to be addressed. Keeping these two aspects in mind, I appreciate that an attempt has been made to propose amendment to Wild Life (Protection) Act (9) 2, rightly envisaging to constitute National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) to plan, prepare and perform tiger protection without affecting the needs and concerns of the local people. Without going into the list of powers and functions of the proposed National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) as found in the Bill, I am inclined to concede that it has been proposed with laudable purpose. But my apprehension is whether the real purpose will be served in full. I have got my own doubt. I would like to ask the hon. Minister whether the powers and functions envisaged for the NTCA are exhaustive and comprehensive or only illustrative. If illustrative, will they take care of the whole ambit and purpose of the Bill? My next point is, whether the system in existence or the system conceived will be adequate to implement and serve the purpose. In case of inadequacy, I would like to ask whether the Government would be careful enough to supplement such deficiencies while framing rules and procedures in this context. In this connection, I could not resist from pointing out the dearth of coordination and coordination mechanism between the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and